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1. Contradicting numerous reports in the Western press alleging that joint Soviet-German maneuvers are scheduled to take place some time in spring 1951, source states that such plans, if entertained by the Soviet high Command, had as of 2 March 1951 not been brought to the knowledge of anyone in HVA headquarters below the level of Generalinspekteur Heinz Hoffman. Source doubts that such maneuvers would serve any useful purpose at this stage of training.

25X1X 2. [REDACTED] discounts reports stating that Maj. General Petrakovsky may have been replaced by Maj. General Makarov. In the HVA the latter is referred to as Chief of Staff to Petrakovsky. Each of the three main weapons branches is represented by one field grade officer on Petrakovsky's staff: Infantry (A) by Colonel Koniakov, artillery (B) by Colonel Makarov, armored warfare (C) by Lt. Colonel Slichkov.

3. New map symbols have been issued to the HVA which, with a very few exceptions, correspond to Soviet military symbols. Source believes that the same exacting standards applied by Soviet military draftsmen in drawing situation maps will also be enforced by the HVA.

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